

in the State of Maharashtra. Investment made during the last three years on these projects amounted to Rs. 145.53 crores approximately. Coal production realised in 1995-96 was 1.73 million tonnes from some projects which have started yielding coal.

(d) Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) have finalised five proposals of new coal projects during the current financial year (1996-97).

(e) to (g) Captive mining blocks in Maharashtra for power generation in that State have been identified for M/s. Nippon Denro Ispat Limited. Some other applications including MSEB for identification of captive mining blocks in Maharashtra for units in that State have also been discussed by the Screening Committee functioning in the Ministry of Coal.

Bhutani currency in West Bengal

3590. SHRI JITENDRA NATH DAS : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that the Bhutani currency of lower denomination is found in plenty in the Duars area of the Jalpaiguri district in West Bengal; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank Assistance to Projects of A.P.

3591. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the amounts allocated for the development projects and canals in Andhra Pradesh with the World Bank assistance in particular to Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi and Moosi Projects;

(b) the details of works undertaken and amount spent so far; and

(c) when the work on these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) : The World Bank has provided Loan/Credit assistance to Andhra Pradesh for the following irrigation projects :

Name of the Projects	Effectiveness Date	Closing Date	Amount (million)	Utilisation of Credit/ Loan
1. AP Irrigation and Command Area Development (Nagarjuna Sagar) Project	Sept. 1976	June 1985	136.4 (US \$ M)	127.8 (US \$ M)
2. AP Irrigation II Project	2.10.87	24.8.94	106.73 (US \$ M)	106.73
3. National Water Management Project (for Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi, Moosi and other identified schemes)	10.8.87	31.3.95	522.8 (Rs. M)	409.5 (Rs. M) (approx.)
4. Hydrology Project	22.9.95	31.3.02	11.8 (US \$ M)	

Components of the above projects were as under :

1. Andhra Pradesh Irrigation & Command Area Development Project :

(a) Completion of Nagarjuna Sagar Project (NSP) Left Main Canal by extending it by 65 miles and increase command area by 147,000 hectares.

(b) completion of NSP Right Main Canal by extending it by 29 miles & increase command area by 140,000 hectares.

(c) construction/rehabilitation of about 1575 km of

Rural Roads, carrying out CAD works and a number of studies.

2. AP II Irrigation Project :

Expansion and improvement of irrigation in the Srisailem Right Branch Canal (SRBC) sub project (65000 hectares), Sriramsagar project, Kakatiya canal command and new developments below the Lower Manir dam.

3. National Water Management Project :

(A.P. component : For Nagarjuna Sagar, Dindi, Moosi and other identified schemes).

The project aimed to improve management and scheduling of irrigation in the command areas of identified schemes and institutional development of state irrigation departments.

4. Hydrology Project :

The project will support upgradation and expansion of the physical infrastructure for all aspects of the collection, collation, processing & dissemination of hydrological and hydrometeorological data.

(c) (i) *AP Irrigation & CAD Project* : Most of the project components for the Nagarjuna Sagar Project listed above were completed by the extended closing date of June, 1985.

(ii) *AP II Irrigation Project* : Overall physical progress as of August 24, 1994 on SRBC was 38% and on SRSP 21%. Works under these are expected to be completed under AP III Project under implementation by the State Government for which World Bank assistance is also being sought.

(iii) *NWMP* : The project has been completed by the extended closing date of 31.3.95.

Modernisation of Burn Standard Co. Ltd.

3592. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the management of Burn Standard Co. Ltd. fulfilled the object of Take Over and Nationalisation Act towards modernisation and diversification of its refractory units.

(b) if so, the total investment made for modernisation, diversification and returns therefrom;

(c) how many consultants were engaged by the company for preparation of Feasibility Reports for units;

(d) the details of recommendations made; and

(e) the details of implementation of the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The objective of the Take Over of erst-while private companies namely M/s. Burn & Co. Ltd. and M/s. Indian Standard Wagon Co. Ltd. was to take over, in public interest, of the management of these undertakings, pending nationalisation, with a view to ensuring rational and co-ordinated development and production of rolling stock, other products of iron and steel industry and other goods needed by such industry and for matters connected therewith of incidental thereto. To the extent that the Company continues to manufacture railway wagons, refractories etc. after nationalisation, the

objective of nationalisation is fulfilled.

(b) The total investment for modernisation and diversification made in the refractory units since take over is Rs. 34.52 crore. Barring Salem unit, all other refractory units have been incurring losses even after take over.

(c) Three.

(d) and (e) The consultants recommended capital expenditure for modernisation and expansion of the refractory units. On the basis of the recommendations of the consultants, Rs. 2.33 crore was invested in Gulfbarbari, Niwar and Salem units. A sum of Rs. 19.25 crore was further invested for modernisation and expansion of Salem refractory unit. Rs. 0.61 crore was invested in the Durgapur works and Rs. 1.38 crore was invested in the Lalkuti works.

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'DHARNA' Staged by All India PNB Officers' Association

3593. SHRI JAI PRAKASH AGARWAL : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the office bearers of the All India Punjab National Bank Officers Association staged a 'dharna' in recent past in support of their demands in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details of their main demands; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government on each of the demands?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Punjab National Bank has reported that the main demands of the All India Punjab National Bank Officers' Association were as under :—

1. The Bank should not issue charge sheets on trivial routine matters;

2. The Bank should increase rental limits for leased accommodation;

3. Settlement of the fitment formula of promotee officers after 1.11.1987 which has resulted in reduction of the salary by 1/2 increment;

4. Quickening the process of promotions with retrospective effect on account of non promotion since 1993;

5. The Bank should not down-grade the branches on the basis of the revised norms of categorisation in haste;